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# PROGRAMME.

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## TUESDAY.

10:00 A. M. Prayer and Praise Service, conducted by Rev. E. J. Barksdale.

10:30 A. M. Organization :

- (1) Reading Letters and Enrollment of Delegates.
- (2) Election of Officers.
- (3) Reception of New Churches.
- (4) Receive and Return Correspondence.

11:30 A. M. Introductory Sermon, by Rev. W. A. Hobson.

Recess.

2:00 P. M. Prayer and Praise Service, conducted by Rev. M. T. Branham

2:15 P. M. Report of Executive Committee, J. B. Gibson, Chairman.

3:15 P. M. Report of Committee on Young People's Work, E. P. Hogan, Chairman. Discussion opened by Chairman, continued by Rev. W. M. Blackwelder and G. Herbert, and closed by general debate.

5:00 P. M. Miscellaneous Business.

Recess.

7:00 P. M. Prayer and Praise Service, conducted by Rev. J. S. Jernigan.

7:40 P. M. Reports of Committees on Missions :

- (1) State Missions, J. B. Gibson, Chairman.
- (2) Home Missions, W. A. Hobson, Chairman.
- (3) Foreign Missions, H. A. Hagler, Chairman.
- (4) Religious Literature and Colportage, W. R. Ivey, Chairman. Discussion opened by the Chairmen, respectively, continued by A. B. Johnson and Rev. W. B. Carter and closed by general speeches.

## WEDNESDAY.

9:00 A. M. Prayer and Praise Service, conducted by H. P. Lipscomb.

9:30 A. M. Continuation of Missions.



11:00 A. M. Missionary Sermon, by Rev. G. T. Lee, followed by an offering to the Lord for Missions.

Recess.

2:00 P. M. Prayer and Praise Service, conducted by Rev. J. G. Lowery.

2:15 P. M. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools, P. C. Ratcliff, Chairman. Discussion by Chairman, Gilbert Carter, J. M. Dewberry and others.

5:00 P. M. Miscellaneous Business.

Recess.

7:00 P. M. Prayer and Praise Service, conducted by Rev. P. S. Montgomery.

7:30 P. M. Reports of Committees on Education :

(1) Denominational Education, H. H. Brown, Chairman.

(2) Ministerial Education, J. P. Stiles, Chairman.

Discussion by Chairmen, respectively, Rev. J. V. Dickinson, F. M. Roof and others generally.

#### THURSDAY.

9:00 A. M. Prayer and Praise Service, conducted by Rev. Jas. Hogan.

9:30 A. M. Report of Committee on Temperance, Rev. R. M. Hunter, Chairman. Discussion by Chairman, Rev. N. B. Williams, Rev. J. R. Lloyd and others.

10:30 A. M. Report of Committee on Orphan's Home, S. J. Ansley, Chairman. Discussion by Chairman, S. P. Fowlkes, F. Holden and others.

11:30 A. M. Report of Committee on Church Improvement, Rev. W. Y. Browning, Chairman. Discussion by Chairman and others.  
Report of Committee on Spiritual Condition of Churches, Rev. J. H. Longcrier, Chairman. Discussion by Chairman and others.

Recess.

2:00 P. M. Final Report of Executive Committee, J. B. Gibson, Chairman.

Reports of Special Committees :

(1) Nominations.

(2) Documents.

(3) Finance.


Report of Treasurer.

Appointment of Standing Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

Farewell Greetings.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT.



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## PROCEEDINGS.

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IRONDALE, ALA., Sept. 7, 1897.

The Birmingham Baptist Association met this day at 10 o'clock A. M., in the meeting house of the Baptist Church, in its sixty-fourth annual session, with the former Moderator, Prof. R. J. Waldrop, in the chair.

A prayer and praise service was conducted by Elder W. B. Carter, after which letters from the churches were called for and read by Brethren J. M. Dewberry and J. P. Stiles, and the names of messengers enrolled as follows, viz:

Adger—Not represented.

Avondale—Elder R. M. Hunter, Gilbert Carter, T. J. Beard, Charley Crews, Geo. D. Garrard, J. P. Moncrief.

Bessemer—Elder W. R. Ivey, O. W. Ward, T. P. Waller, H. P. Lipscomb, W. A. Simmons, E. M. Owen, J. B. Glenn.

Birmingham, First—Elder D. B. Gray, D. D., A. B. Johnston, P. C. Ratliff, Elder N. B. Williams, R. S. Warner, E. Shepherd, S. F. Feagen, T. D. Bradford.

Birmingham, Southside—Elder P. T. Hale, W. M. Malone, R. H. Thomas, E. P. Hogan, J. P. Stiles, John A. Walker, A. D. Allen, Elder James Hogan, M. C. Reynolds, J. C. Johnson and Capt. W. C. Ward,

Birmingham, Second—Elder J. B. Tidwell, A. H. Hawkins and Thos. McGehee.

Birmingham, Third—Elder P. M. Jones, E. C. Swindale and Leonard Teal.

Canaan—Not represented.

Central—John Franklin, R. M. Inzer.

Concord—Jno. A. Baker.

Dolomite—A. J. Smith, Cephas Vines, Elder W. J. Ray.

Elyton—T. S. Griffiths, D. R. Weaver, M. R. Rockett,  
M. P. Lewis.

Green Springs—G. A. Robertson, W. D. Pairis, G. W.  
Smith.

Johns—Not represented.

Mt. Olive—Y. S. Wyatt, G. P. Moore.

New Prospect—W. L. C. Vann, W. R. Hilliard, R. S.  
Wood, E. P. Wood.

Oak Grove—J. A. McCombs, J. A. Jackson.

Piney Grove—Not represented.

Pleasant Ridge—Not represented.

Pratt City—Elder J. V. Dickinson, J. W. Minor, Prof.  
P. M. McNeil, J. H. Young, P. A. Eubank, Wm. H. Beck-  
ies, Elder Frank Barnard.

Rocky Ridge—M. M. Roper, Elder J. D. Falks.

Ruhama—Elder W. A. Hobson, Elder M. M. Wood,  
Elder B. F. Giles, Elder J. M. Huey, Prof. R. J. Waldrop,  
Prof. T. J. Dill, G. Herbert, W. H. Wood, Sr., R. D. Jeff-  
coat, E. C. Hagerman, K. S. Ward.

Salem—Elder M. T. Branham, Jas. Rogers, J. T. Levi.

Springdale—H. B. Hitt, A. J. Sharritt, J. S. Connell.

Springville—Elder P. S. Montgomery, H. I. Inzer, J. B.  
Herring, Levi McBreyer.

Trussville—S. R. McDanal, D. N. Talley, T. P. Bailey,  
C. Atkinson.

Union—Elder J. D. Martin, W. A. Dunnam, T. Ryan.

Warrior—Elder J. G. Lowrey, R. A. Duncan, H. A.  
Hagler, J. L. Hagler.

Williamsburg—Not represented.

Woodlawn—Elder W. M. Blackwelder, Prof. J. M. Dew-  
berry, J. B. Gibson, J. B. Burris, Elmo Walrond, W. R.  
Phillips, D. H. Montgomery, L. L. Campbell.

Bellview—Prof. J. M. Pemberton.

Blossburg—Not represented.

Brookside—Not represented.

Coalburg—J. A. Mayo.

Compton—E. W. Padget, E. D. Reed, Wm. Pervin.

Irondale—J. W. Herring, F. M. Barton, J. W. Hawthorne.

McElwain—Wm. Byers, J. H. Battis.

Bethany—Not represented.

Mary Lee—Represented by letter.

The election of officers being next in order, on motion the former officers were re-elected, as follows: Prof. R. J. Waldrop, Moderator; Elder M. M. Wood, Clerk and Treasurer; S. P. Fowlkes, Corresponding Secretary.

An opportunity was offered and Compton Hill, Wylam and New Castle churches, organized since last Association, applied for membership in the Association.

A committee consisting of Brethren J. G. Lowrey, W. M. Blackwelder and B. D. Gray was appointed to investigate and report on the applications.

The report being favorable the names of the messengers were enrolled as follows, viz:

Compton Hill—T. H. Wildsmith, Theo. B. Furman.

Wylam—J. W. Davis, Henry Tidwell, J. A. Sartin.

New Castle—W. H. Self.

Representatives were next received as follows, viz:

Elder G. S. Anderson, from the State Board of Missions.

Elder John W. Stewart, Superintendent of the Orphan's Home.

Elder Joe Howard, Agent of the Alabama Baptist.

Brother P. T. Hale moved that in case Brother G. T. Lee, the regular appointee is absent, Dr. C. S. Blackwell, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union, be requested to preach the Missionary Sermon Wednesday, at 11 A. M., which was unanimously adopted.

The hour for preaching the Introductory Sermon having arrived, Brother W. A. Hobson, the appointee, preached the sermon. Text, John 18:36.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Association adjourned until 2 P. M.

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

A prayer and praise service was conducted by Brother M. T. Branham at two o'clock. The Association was called to order at 2:15.

The Report of the Executive Committee being next in order was called for and read by Brother J. B. Gibson, chairman, as follows, viz:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg to report:

That Brother James Hogan continued his work as missionary within the bounds of this Association until January 1, 1897. He labored faithfully and well. His report was made to Brother Bledsoe at the expiration of his work. Have no duplicate.

For several reasons it was thought best for this Association to be in full accord with the plan of work adopted by our last State Convention. To that end your committee, upon the solicitation of Brother W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary of the State Mission Board agreed to the retirement of our Associational Missionary on condition that the State Evangelist for the Middle West District of Alabama be located at Birmingham, that he be named or endorsed by your committee and that the major portion of his time be devoted to the work within the bounds of this Association. Brother J. V. Dickinson was endorsed by your committee and appointed by the State Board as Evangelist for this district and located at Birmingham, as agreed.

Brother A. B. Johnston feeling that this action of your committee was unwise, and that his opposition to the plan would unfit him for the duties of chairman of this committee, resigned his position as such and his membership on the committee, very much to our regret. Brother D. B. Gray was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee and Brother J. B. Gibson was made its chairman.

We note with pleasure the earnest missionary work done within our bounds by the ministerial students of Howard College. With proper encouragement and assistance they will become a great factor for good in our midst.

Your attention is respectfully called to a Church Extension Society or-

ganized in March, 1896, under the auspices of your committee, of which Brother A. B. Johnston is President, Brother H. H. Brown, Vice-President, and Brother J. B. Gibson, Secretary and Treasurer. Its object is to aid by gift, loan or otherwise the building of churches. It solicits your co-operation.

We respectfully submit the following recommendations :

First—That this Association request the State Board of Missions to locate within the bounds of this Association a Missionary, to be named by your Executive Committee, and controlled by your Committee in co-operation with the State Board, it being his duty to devote his entire time to mission work in our territory and to co-operate with and superintend the mission work of the students at Howard College.

Second—That in order to better systematize our work all money for missions, State, Home or Foreign, be sent by the local church treasurer to W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary State Board.

Third—That the Standing Committees of this Association be :

1. State Missions—three members.
2. Home Missions—three members.
3. Foreign Missions—three members.
4. Religious Literature and Education—five members.
5. Sunday Schools—three members.
6. Young People's Work—three members.
7. Moral and Spiritual Conditions—three members.
8. Ways and Means—three members.
9. Denominational Institutions—three members.

It shall be the duty of the Ways and Means Committee to search out the best methods of financiering that may be employed in our religious work.

J. B. GIBSON, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Brethren J. B. Gibson, H. H. Brown, P. S. Montgomery, and adopted.

The Moderator announced the following Special Committees, viz :

*On Nominations*—J. M. Huey, M. T. Branham.

*On Documents*—J. B. Tidwell, L. J. Haley, J. B. Helm.

*On Finance*—M. C. Reynolds, P. M. McNeil, R. D. Jeffcoat.

The next in order was the report on Young People's Work. The report not being ready, the programme was changed and the reports on Temperance and Orphans' Home were ordered read.

The reports were called for and read, as follows, viz :

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee have little encouragement to offer in its report on Temperance. Notwithstanding all the stringent laws and moral sentiment against drunkenness, the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating beverages seems to be on the increase. Yet we have this encouragement: among our native-born American citizens there seems to be a growing moral sentiment against intemperance of all kinds. Then it is to a great extent the foreigners, with their loose ideas of morals, who are continually pouring into our country, who are responsible for a great amount of our intemperance and crime.

Many sections of our commonwealth are dominated politically, socially and religiously by the liquor influence. To oppose it is to lose cast among the political priests and their constituency. In the so-called first circles, on many occasions, one breathes more freely if his breath is spiced with the dew of the mountains.

Wealthy men are retained in some churches—men who sell liquor behind green blinds, and women who drink it behind panelled doors—drink it from golden punch bowls.

In the United States we spend annually \$1,000,000,000 for drink—about four times as much as it takes to run the whole government. For twenty leading necessities of life—not including education—we spend the same amount we do for liquors; and for home and foreign missions we give the pitiful sum of \$5,500,000 annually. Alabama, alone, pays yearly for its intoxicants, \$4,000,000.

Your Committee recommend teetotalism among the brethren and the sisters; also the strictest administration of rigid discipline by our churches to all those who habitually, or even occasionally get drunk, on any kind of intoxicants—powders, pills or liquids.

We further recommend that for the sake of exercising a wholesome Christian influence over the public, that none of our stronger brethren, except when duty demands it, enter any bar-room or place where liquor is manufactured or sold. Also, that he refrain, lest he, being often tempted, though strong, should yield and become weak, or “through his knowledge the weak brother perish for whom Christ died.” “When we sin against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, we sin against Christ!”

R. M. HUNTER.

The report was discussed by Brethren R. M. Hunter, W. C. Ward, P. S. Montgomery, G. S. Anderson and W. A. Hobson and adopted.



## REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home begs leave to submit the following report:

## HISTORY.

When Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson, in November of 1890, made known to the Baptist State Convention her intention to give all her real estate, estimated at \$30,000, for the maintenance of a home for Baptist widows and orphans, the initial step was taken toward the establishment of the Loise Short Baptist Widows and Orphans' Home, of Alabama.

The Home was temporarily located at Evergreen, Ala., January 16, 1893, and the present financial Secretary, Rev. J. W. Stewart, who was then pastor at Evergreen, was asked to assume the management of it without remuneration. March 10, 1893, in a small rented house, the Home was formally opened, with Mrs. Clara W. Ansley, the present incumbent, as Matron. By November of that year, twenty-two children had been received, and the Convention, through its Committee, decided to locate the Home permanently at Evergreen, and purchased property consisting of eighty acres of land lying on Main street, thirty of which is in cultivation, thirty in pasture, and twenty in woodland; on which were a ten-room brick structure and three tenant houses. The purchase price of the property was \$5,000, which, with the interest on the deferred payments, amounting to \$400.33, has been paid in full.

Since the establishment of the Home, there have been gathered into it thirty-three boys and thirty-seven girls; and out of it have gone: by apprenticeship, two boys; by adoption, ten boys and thirteen girls; and four boys and three girls have been returned to their people, leaving now in the Home seventeen boys and twenty-one girls. The children came from nineteen counties, as follows: Barbour, 3; Bibb, 2; Butler, 3; Chambers, 1; Conecuh, 2; Covington, 8; Lee, 3; Limestone, 1; Marengo, 4; Montgomery, 2; Pike, 2; Russell, 1; Talladega, 8; Tallapoosa, 2; Tuscaloosa, 3; Walker, 6.

## MANAGEMENT.

The management of the Home is made, as far as possible, like that of a well-regulated family. The boys are taught to do farm work, and the girls various kinds of house work. All that are old enough attend the Southwest Alabama Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged, the matriculation and incidental fees amounting to about \$5.00 to \$10.00 per session for each pupil. Attendance upon church and Sunday-School is required, and family worship is held each day in the Home. The utmost economy is practiced in the management of the Home. The current expenses amount only to about \$6.00 per month for each child.

## PRESENT CONDITION AND NEEDS.

In order to prepare for the comfort and health of the present in-



mates and make room for the reception of the orphan children asking admission, improvements are being made in the arrangement of the Home by which eleven new rooms are to be added and all the old ones renovated. Money is much needed to complete this work, and also to pay the current expenses of the institution. At present all the inmates of the Home are crowded into six unfinished rooms, upstairs in the new building, which is without fire-places and shutters. The repair work on the old building is progressing as rapidly as possible under the circumstances, but it is the policy of the management to pay as they go, and hence the work must stop if the money fails to come.

In view of the present cramped and needy condition of the Home, your Committee would urge each church, sunday-school and missionary society in the Birmingham Association to make liberal contributions at once to assist in carrying forward the work of improvement. It is also recommended that regular contributions be made to meet the current expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. ANSLEY,  
S. P. FOWLKES,  
J. E. MASSEY,

*Committee.*

The report was discussed by Brethren J. W. Stewart, Superintendent, and P. T. Hale, and a collection taken amounting to \$14.35, after which the report was adopted.

The Association adjourned at 5:30 P. M. until 7:30, with prayer by Brother B. F. Giles.

#### FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order promptly at 7:30, a prayer and praise service having been conducted by Brother R. M. Hunter.

The reports on Missions being next in order the reports were called for and read as follows, viz:

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions beg to report as follows:

The missionary spirit is growing throughout the State, while ignorance and prejudice are slowly passing away, the work of our State Board being more and more appreciated as our people become better

acquainted with its scope. That it is the sole agent in the State of the Home and Foreign Boards, and that its employees are charged with the duty of looking after all denominational interests in the territory to which they may be assigned, makes it a factor of prime importance in our religious work.

In the minutes of our last State Convention we find the following report of its work, viz.:

Employed for the whole or a part of their time during the convention year ending October 31, 1896: A corresponding secretary for the State at large; 2 evangelists, A. E. Burns in North Alabama and S. O. Y. Ray in Southeast Alabama; 11 missionary pastors; 6 associated missionaries; 3 colored evangelists.

Number of men employed.....	23
Days of service.....	5,035
Miles traveled.....	41,120
Sermons delivered.....	2,088
Addresses made .....	828
Churches constituted .....	3
Number of persons baptized.....	253
Baptized by others in connection with missionaries.....	238
Received by letter.....	255
Restored.....	12
Sunday schools organized .....	12
Ladies' societies organized.....	7
Prayer-meetings organized.....	12
Prayer-meetings held.....	548
Number of visits to preaching stations.....	204
Number of churches visited.....	583
Number of visits made.....	5,153
Subscribers to <i>Alabama Baptist</i> secured .....	447
Subscribers to <i>Foreign Mission Journal</i> .....	154
Pages of tracts distributed.....	36,828
Meeting houses commenced.....	6
Meeting houses finished .....	6
Money collected for meeting houses.....	\$4,405.05
Money collected for all missions.....	2,176.46
Money collected for ministerial education .....	188.90
Money collected for Orphans' Home .....	143.41
Number of books sold.....	559
Bibles and Testaments sold.....	316
Bibles and Testaments donated.....	40

Balance on hand for State missions last report.....	\$ 202 78	
Amount received for State missions.....	9,799 14—	\$10,001 92
By amount paid W. B. Crumpton.....	250 00	
By amount paid Secretary.....	1,190 94	
By amount paid missionaries .....	7,421 11	
Office expenses.....	393 86	
Exchange and money orders.....	20 99	
Postage .....	58 14	
Telegrams .....	7 70	
Women's Central Committee's expenses.....	13 82	
Traveling expenses Secretary.....	281 32	
Traveling expenses Agents .....	313 18	
Traveling expenses members of Board.....	133 46	
South Montgomery Church.....	216 00	
<i>State Mission Journal</i> .....	24 85	
Book department .....	206 48	
Stationery and printing.....	102 50	
State Convention minutes.....	28 69—	10,663 04
DEBIT BALANCE .....	\$ 661 12	

Compared with former years, fewer men were employed, but with higher average results. Fewer churches were constituted, and fewer Sunday schools organized, the Board deeming it wiser to "strengthen the things that remain" than to organize new institutions with little or no prospect of permanence.

In pursuance of a co-operative agreement made by the Home Missionary Society of New York, the Home Board and the White and Colored Conventions of Alabama, three colored evangelists have been employed with good results to do missionary work among the negroes of Alabama. The expense of this work is borne equally by the four Boards named, \$500 being paid by our own State Board.

Out of 117,000 white Baptists in the State of Alabama, only 8,000 have been contributing to missions through organized channels. Hoping to improve this condition, our last State Convention adopted the evangelistic plan of work. During this Convention year the Board has had in the field in Alabama the following evangelists: A. E. Burns, North Alabama; J. W. Sandlin, Northeast Alabama; W. A. Parker, Southwest Alabama; A. J. Preston, Southeast Alabama; G. S. Anderson, East Alabama; J. V. Dickinson, Middle and West Alabama, and W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary, at large. The prime effort of these evangelists is to arouse the Baptists of the State to the need of unity of effort and systematic work in the advancement of the Master's kingdom.

The results are in general very gratifying. More of our people are interested than ever before. Pastors, churches and associations hitherto unknown to the Board are now in accord with its plans and purposes.

The work is now and has been hindered by the want of funds. The liquidation by many local churches of old debts, the campaign made for the relief of the Howard and the Judson, together with the strong effort made to get the Foreign Mission Board out of debt, have severely affected the receipts of our State Mission Board. It has been compelled, after practicing the strictest economy, to incur a debt of about \$1,000.

Now that these other interests have been cared for, we should come to the rescue of our own Board. To it has been intrusted every interest that we as a denomination hold dear. Its success means the triumph of Baptist principles in Alabama. Yea, more—it means Alabama for Christ; it means the advancement of the Master's kingdom; it means "peace on earth, good will to men."

J. B. GIBSON, Chairman.

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, located in Atlanta, Ga., with Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary, is one of the most potent missionary agencies in our Southern Zion. The pages of its noble history, of more than half a century, are bright with glorious achievements.

#### THE TERRITORY

Of the Home Mission Board embraces Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, New Mexico, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Cuba.

#### THE PURPOSE

Of the Board is to keep a watchful eye over this vast field of the Southern Baptist Convention, and locate missionaries, and sustain weak churches in such places as will make for the best interest of the cause. In this vast area there are many destitute sections. The mountain districts in the older states, the foreign element in over crowded cities, and our ever broadening borders open a field to our Home Board for gospel sowing far greater than they have yet been able to cultivate.

#### THE PLAN

Is, in general, to co-operate with the State Boards of Missions, and at the same time to press the work where it is not possible or practicable for the State Boards to operate. In this way the strong support the weak, and thereby there is equality.

#### THE WORK

Of the Home Mission Board may be arranged under the following heads:

1. *Work in the Towns and Cities.*—The policy of the Board has been much like that of the Apostle Paul, in striking for the great centers of

population. The material development of our country, with its fertile valleys, rich minerals and great railroads, is fast filling our cities with a new population, and new cities are rapidly springing up. The Board is, at present, sustaining an important work at New Orleans under the leadership of the Purser Brothers, and aiding in the payment for houses of worship in Jackson, Miss., Pensacola and St. Augustine, Fla. A good work is also being done among the Germans at Washington City, St. Louis and Kansas City, as well as among the negroes at Baltimore, Washington, Atlanta, Richmond, Norfolk, Selma, Raleigh, Columbia and other points.

2. *Work in the Mountains.*—Destitution in the country districts has not been overlooked. The mountain regions of Kentucky, Western North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee have received most attention. The people of these districts are strongly inclined to our Baptist faith, and while, for the most part, they are poor and uncultured people, they respond readily to the gospel, and the labors of our missionaries among them have been greatly blessed.

3. *Work on the Frontiers.*—This is a work which appeals to all the best impulses of our nature. These destitute sections are found chiefly in Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma. The Lord is abundantly blessing our frontier work.

4. *Work Among the Negroes.*—This is carried on under the co-operative plan agreed upon by our Home Board and the Home Mission Society of New York. Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia have adopted the co-operative plan with gratifying results.

5. *Our Work in Cuba.*—As is well known the war in Cuba has brought our work in that island to a standstill. Two faithful deacons, Porta and Valdes, with a few devoted women, are looking after our property in Havana and holding the work together as best they can. Until the clouds of war have passed over we can hardly hope to do more.

#### SUMMARY OF WORK FOR THE PAST CONVENTIONAL YEAR.

Missionaries.....	372
Churches and Stations.....	1,963
Baptisms.....	4,709
Received by Letter.....	4,746
Amount expended on Houses of Worship.....	\$52,940
Sunday Schools Organized.....	313
Bibles and Testaments Distributed.....	2,833
Total Amount Contributed.....	\$97,211.82

#### THE HOME FIELD.

The Home Mission Board has again returned to the publication of the Home Field, a bright little sheet which should be in every Baptist



home. In no other way can our people keep posted on the work of the Home Board. This paper is published at Atlanta, Ga., and put at the extremely low price of ten cents per year, and in clubs of fifty five cents.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOBSON.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the work of our churches through their Foreign Mission Board. We have now in our churches in foreign fields a membership of 4,955, of which 660 were baptized during the present year. The missionaries are located in the different fields as follows: China, 39; Africa, 8; Italy, 3; Brazil, 8; Mexico, 16; Japan, 6. Total, 80; besides 110 native assistants.

We should rejoice in the fact that there were no deaths among our foreign missionaries last year, though there were some among the native assistants. The amount contributed by the churches of our Southern Baptist Convention during the last conventional year was \$125,681.99. Of this amount Alabama Baptists gave \$6,563.29—about six cents per member. Our Board is doing a grand work in the foreign fields, and if we are Missionary Baptist, as we profess, we should exert ourselves as never before in order to prevent the work from being retarded. "Come over and help us!" they cry.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. HAGLER, Chairman.

The reports were discussed by Brethren J. B. Gibson, A. B. Johnston and Joe Howard.

Pending the discussion, adjournment was had to 9:30 A. M., Wednesday, with prayer led by Brother J. G. Lowrey.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After a prayer and praise service conducted by Brother J. H. Longcrier, the Association was called to order at 9:30.

The subject of Missions being still before the Association, was further discussed by Brethren J. V. Dickinson, H. H. Brown, W. A. Hobson, R. M. Hunter, W. B. Carter and R. M. Inzer.

At this point in the discussion the report on Religious Literature and Colportage was read by the chairman, as follows, viz:

### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

We, your Committee on Religious Literature and Colportage Work, beg leave to submit the following report:

We believe that no subject of more importance will come before this body. To our mind, this Association could not do a wiser thing than to employ a missionary and colporter for all of his time to travel in destitute places, to organize and build up the waste places of our Master's kingdom in our Association, and to circulate the scriptures of divine truth and sound religious literature. We are unable to get statistics of work done in our Association during the past year, so we give summary of work done by the State Board of Missions for year ending November 1, 1896:

Subscribers to the Alabama Baptist.....	447
Subscribers to Foreign Mission Journal.....	82
Subscribers to State Mission Journal.....	154
Pages of Tracts distributed.....	36,828
Number of Books sold.....	559
Bibles and Testaments sold .....	316
Bibles and Testaments donated .....	40

We commend to this body the denominational papers endorsed by our State Convention, viz: "The Alabama Baptist," "The State Mission Journal," "Our Home Field," and also our own "Birmingham Baptist."

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. IVEY, Chairman.

The discussion was continued by W. R. Ivey, J. W. Stewart and J. G. Lowrey. Dr. W. C. Bledsoe, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions, having arrived was called out and addressed the Association on the subject under discussion. Dr. C. S. Blackwell, General Secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was also received.

The hour for preaching the Missionary Sermon having arrived, the sermon was preached by Elder G. T. Lee, as per appointment, from "The Great Commission," and a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$15.85, after which the reports were adopted and the Association adjourned for dinner.



## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a prayer and praise service, conducted by Brother J. G. Lowrey, the body was called to order by the Moderator at 2:15.

On motion the report on Young People's Work was ordered read and discussed in connection with the report on Sunday Schools, which was next in order.

The reports were then read as follows, viz :

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

As compiled from the Church letters to this meeting of the Association, it appears that of the twenty-eight Churches making reports, twenty-seven have Sunday Schools, with 247 officers and teachers, 2,651 enrolled members and 1,589 average attendance, 100 baptized from the Schools into Church membership, and amount of money contributed \$1,273.72.

Compared with last year these reports show an increase of 1 school, 17 officers and teachers, 231 enrolled members, 12 baptized into Church fellowship, and in amount contributed \$342, but a decrease in average attendance of 135.

There are several Churches not reporting at all to this meeting of the Association, and others reporting that did not report fully on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee would suggest to the Church Clerks that care be taken in the letters to give the statistics of Sunday Schools in full, and especially to give the number of pupils baptized, and amounts contributed for all purposes.

Your Committee has observed that it is the rule that children go to Sunday School to be taught the lesson, home study and training largely having fallen into disuse. This adds considerably to the work and responsibility of the teachers, and on their part calls for thorough preparation, earnest consecration and devotion to their duties.

The Women's Missionary Union has called the attention of your Committee to Missionary Day and Sunday School Celebration, set for Sunday, September 26, 1897, and we recommend the proper observance of the day by all the Churches.

Many brethren have suggested that Sunday School work would be greatly helped by fifth Sunday general meetings. We therefore recommend that the matter of holding these meetings be submitted to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

P. C. RATLIFF, Chairman.

## REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the Committee on Young People's Work, respectfully submit the following:

We submit to you our annual report with gratitude toward God for his goodness and mercy, and grateful thanks to those who have done so much for the Unions in this Association. We do not come to you with as cheering a report along some lines as we would wish. No new Unions have been formed, but all the local Unions, except one or two, are doing better work, displaying more enthusiasm, and advancing more rapidly in the Christian work than ever before. The Union heretofore has been in a formative period, but now it is rapidly approaching the practical stage.

Since the last Association we have, through the kindness of Dr. Hale, secured space in the *Birmingham Baptist*, known as the B. Y. P. U. Department, for the use of the Unions in this Association. Brother G. Herbert has been elected editor, with associate editors in the different local Unions to help him in the work. We also desire to call attention to the *Alabama Baptist*, our State paper, the young people's department of which is being ably edited by Brother W. A. Hobson. In this way we hear from each other regularly. This will greatly aid us in the cultivation of acquaintance, in stimulating our members to greater zeal, and in giving suggestions for the successful prosecution of the young people's work. The prospects for a great advance movement next year are very bright.

The State Convention held at Talladega was little less than a failure, because the attendance was very small. This is not as it should be. If we wish to keep in touch with the advance spirit of the movement, it is necessary to attend these annual meetings; it broadens our views and brings us in closer relation with the young Baptists of the State. The next convention will convene with the Clayton Street Baptist Church of Montgomery. It is sincerely hoped that this Association will be well represented in that meeting.

Our former Secretary having resigned, the Board have elected as his successor Brother Calvin S. Blackwell, of Elizabeth, N. C. He comes to us highly recommended; a man of broad views, who is thoroughly in sympathy with the young people's work, he having been untiring in his efforts to place the B. Y. P. U. on an effective and practical footing in the Baptist Churches of the South.

One of the most important events occurring in connection with the B. Y. P. U. of the South this year was our affiliation with the B. Y. P. U. A. This federation was accomplished at the great convention of the Baptist Young People's Union held in Chattanooga on July 15 to 18. The articles of agreement are as follows:

1. That the *Baptist Union*, published at Chicago, shall be the organ of the Baptist Young People's Union of America and the Baptist Young

People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. In order that the work of the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention shall be adequately presented, space not to exceed one page per week shall be allotted in the *Baptist Union* to the publication of news and other items to be furnished by the Secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, who shall be an associate editor. Said material to be distributed in the columns of the paper according to its nature.

2. Adoption of the Christian Culture Courses.—The Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention to adopt the Christian Culture Courses as published in the *Baptist Union* with the proviso that if it seems advisable to the Executive Committee of the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, alternative topics on the work of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention shall be allowed.

3. The Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention agrees to press the interest of the Christian Culture Courses and the circulation of the *Baptist Union* with all possible vigor, receiving for this service compensation to be hereafter agreed upon.

4. In order to the preservation of the autonomy alike of the Baptist Young People's Union of America and the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and to the adjustment of relations with the existing department of the Green we advise:

That the department of the Green and the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention be merged into one body to be known as the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, which shall develop the work of the young people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, and further to the best of its ability the interests of both.

The plans of merging shall be, as fast as vacancies occur in the representation of States within the Southern Baptist Convention, on the Board of Managers of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, these vacancies be filled with the representatives of said States on the Board of Managers of the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be elected in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The work of the department of the Green being merged in that of the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Committee of the latter be recognized as the representatives of the Baptist Young People's Union of America in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Upon the foregoing this conference is unanimously agreed.

E. E. CHIVERS,  
L. O. DAWSON,  
JOHN D. JORDAN,  
IRA M. PRICE, Chairman.  
CHAS. M. NESS, Secretary.

We would lay special emphasis on the necessity of subscribing for the *Baptist Union*, and the adoption of the Christian Culture Courses in your Unions. The *Baptist Union* has the largest circulation of any Baptist paper in the world.

The Christian Culture Courses are the pride of the B. Y. P. U. A. These Courses appear through the medium of the *Baptist Union*. It consists in the main of three Courses:

1. "The Bible Reader's Course," a course of daily reading with historical and analytical notes."
2. "The Conquest Missionary Course," treating of matters of interest in the missionary field.
3. "The Sacred Literature Course."

The *Union* contains each week the topic for the weekly devotional meeting of the society with a helpful exposition of the subject.

Believing the B. Y. P. U. to be the best means by which the young people of the Church and congregation can be reached, organized, Christianized and developed, we recommend that each Church in the Association, when practicable, organize such society.

We believe further that a far-reaching work is being done in the Sunbeam Societies, where the children are being taught the Scriptures and informed as to our denominational work. These societies should have our encouragement.

E. P. HOGAN, Chairman.

The reports were discussed by Brethren P. C. Ratliff, Gilbert Garter, H. H. Brown and J. V. Dickinson, on Sunday Schools, and G. Herbert, Dr. C. S. Blackwell, General Secretary, Prof. E. P. Hogan, W. M. Blackwelder and B. D. Gray, and after a collection for the Young People's Work amounting to \$16.20, the reports were adopted.

Miscellaneous business being next in order, Brother A. B. Johnston offered the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be charged with the duty of preparing a form of letter from the Churches to the Association, and that the form so prepared be printed, and a copy thereof be sent to the Clerk of each Church at least one month before the next session of the Association.

Brother R. M. Hunter moved that Dr. T. J. Dill of Howard College be requested to have published in tract form two articles published recently by him in the Alabama Baptist on

“The Baptism of the Eunuch.” The report was unanimously adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Dr. C. S. Blackwell.

## SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

A prayer and praise service was conducted by Brother P. S. Montgomery, and the Association was called to order at 7:30 by the Moderator.

The subject of Education being next in order the reports on Denominational Education and Ministerial Education were read as follows, viz :

### DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Denominational Education, beg leave to submit the following report :

We believe there is no work in the denomination that has a greater tendency to the unification of our forces than this. The schools for this important work in Alabama, the time honored Howard College, of East Lake, the famous Judson Institute, of Marion, and the grand old Central Female College, of Tuscaloosa, are especially fitted for the building up of our great Baptist cause all over the land. In the first place, in each of these institutions we have a corps of firm, strong and loyal Baptist teachers, versed in all the branches of classical lore, but where our cause of Denominational Education gains its widest berth is in the fact that these teachers are men and women whose hearts and lives are full of Christian graces, so that while the mind is being trained the heart is being trained also.

In the second place, the Bible, the God-given text-book of the Christian faith and practice, is taught in our denominational schools, and to this fact their success and prosperity through the vicissitudes and storms they have been compelled to pass during the past few years is largely attributable. They are founded upon God and his promises, and He has not forsaken them in times of seeming peril and adversity.

The great and powerful Baptist Brotherhood to-day stands united on account of the training, brotherly love and Christian ties which have been received and begotten in our Denominational institutions of learning. The sons and daughters of the Howard, the Judson and the Central, together with those of all the other Baptist colleges and schools, stand as the Macedonian Phalanx not to be cut down by the Spartan



and Athenian powers of specialism, infidelism and skepticism. They are united under the Great Captain and King, our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Brethren, this cause is worthy of, and demands our deepest prayers and sympathies as well as our most earnest and careful consideration as the servants of God assembled to do his work. Let us prove our faith by our works, in sending our boys and girls to our own Denominational schools.

Roof, young, vigorous and active, with his entire manhood, mental and physical, completely absorbed in the cause of education; Patrick, full of vim and energy, deeply pious and consecrated to the cause of Christ and of Christian education, and Murphy, a born and life-long teacher, wise, prudent and firm, earnestly devoted to his honored profession—with these educated, trained, experienced and Godly men and teachers at the heads, respectively, of our own Howard Judson, and Central, with the able assistance of a sufficient number of teachers of the highest character, these beloved institutions will be kept fully abreast with the demands of the progressive times which now confront us as a denomination.

May God's richest blessings rest upon our efforts to advance the cause of education.

H. H. BROWN,  
J. W. O'HARA,  
R. M. INZER,  
*Committee.*

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In making this report we have departed somewhat from the beaten paths of your former committees. It is a conceded fact that education, to a minister of the gospel, in these days and times, is one of the foundations of success. It is essential for a two-fold purpose. He should be in advance of his flock in order to lead them, for indeed a leader he should be. The good shepherd always leads his flock, never follows them. All denominations are educating their ministers, and if we Baptists expect to hold the prestige we have gained over the other denominations in this State, we will have to keep up with the procession. We need men educated in more ways than one. We need balanced men, men who can hold their hands with any set or body of men. Hence we conceive it to be the duty of Baptist churches and associations, in educating young men for the ministry to see that they take those that are made of the right kind of material. Howard College can cultivate and improve the mind and strengthen the moral stamina, but it can neither give brains nor moral worth.

We would be glad indeed to give all young men who desire it an

education, but if you will take time to examine and see how much the Baptists of this State give to ministerial education, we believe you will see the necessity for taking the position we have taken. Would it not be better to thoroughly equip fifteen ministers than to give thirty a smattering education?

You ask: "Are not the Baptists of this State giving sufficiently to properly educate all of the ministerial students?" It is with sorrow we have to answer you no; that they are giving comparatively nothing. We find that during the last scholastic year of Howard College there were about thirty-two ministerial students, and not enough given to pay for one-third of them. Now, brethren, we ask how in the name of common sense can we expect to send out to the world the Blessed Gospel of our Lord and break down the citadels of sin if we have not the forces?

Now, brethren, we appeal to you in the name of our Blessed Lord, who so freely gave His life for us, let's give to the support and education of our ministerial students.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STILES,  
J. M. HUEY.

The reports were discussed by Brethren H. H. Brown, J. W. O'Hara, John M. Huey, J. V. Dickinson, Prof. F. M. Roof, Chairman of the Faculty of Howard College.

Pending the discussion the body adjourned to 9:30 A. M., Thursday, with prayer by Brother Joe Howard.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

A prayer and praise service was conducted by Brother J. D. Martin, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator promptly at 9:30.

The reports on Education being still before the Association, were further discussed by Brother W. A. Hobson, Chairman of the Board of Ministerial Education, who also received the following subscriptions for the deficit of the Board, viz: P. T. Hale, \$10.00; W. M. Blackwelder, \$10.00; J. D. Martin, \$5.00; Pratt City Church, \$25.00; New Prospect, \$5.00; McElwain, \$5.00; Irondale, \$5.00.



The hour for preaching having arrived, Dr. C. S. Blackwell, according to appointment, preached from the Scripture, "Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints."

The discussion on the reports was continued by Brethren J. M. Dewberry, Joe Howard and J. V. Dickson. and were adopted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived the Association adjourned for dinner, with a benediction by Brother B. D. Gray.

### THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at two o'clock, and Brother J. G. Lowrey led in prayer.

The report on Church Improvements was called for and adopted as follows, viz:

#### REPORT ON CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

The following Churches report improvements as follows:

Warrior .....	\$ 96 61
Trussville.....	17 35
Second Church, Birmingham.....	19 33
Union.....	50 00
Pratt City.....	35 00
McElwain.....	5 00
Irondale.....	100 00
Green Springs.....	14 20
Coalburg.....	4 55
Third Church, Birmingham .....	500 00
First Church, Birmingham.....	43 55
Bessemer .....	191 06
Avondale.....	422 37

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Respectfully submitted,

W. Y. BROWNING, Chairman.

The report on The Spiritual Condition of the Churches was called for and adopted as follows, viz:

## REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that after a careful investigation we find the spiritual condition of the churches generally, much improved in comparison with that of the last Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LONGORIER,  
J. K. PEMBERTON,  
T. ROBERTSON,

*Committee.*

The report on Nominations was read and adopted as follows, viz :

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following report, viz :

1. Time and place of next meeting—Tuesday before the second Lord's day in September, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Springville, Ala.

2. Preachers. To preach the Introductory Sermon—Elder W. M. Blackwelder. Alternate—Elder B. F. Giles. To preach the Missionary Sermon—Elder J. V. Dickinson. Alternate—Elder B. D. Gray.

3. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—Elder W. M. Blackwelder. Alternate—Prof. T. J. Dill.

4. For Executive Committee—Brethren J. B. Gibson, J. V. Dickinson, J. W. Minor, W. A. Hobson, B. F. Giles, J. L. Hagler, W. R. Ivey, R. M. Hunter and B. D. Gray.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. HUEY,  
M. T. BRANHAM,  
D. N. TALLEY,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Documents was called for and read as follows, viz :

## REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee would report that upon examination of the letters we find nothing not already embraced in our regular work which should receive our attention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. TIDWELL, Chairman.

The report of the Finance Committee, which was read and ordered printed in the minutes, is as follows, viz :

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

IRONDALE, ALA., Sept. 9, 1897.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report that we have received:

For Orphans' Home.....	\$18 35
For State Missions.....	59 63
For Home Missions.....	12 53
For Foreign Missions .....	17 03
For Ministerial Education.....	3 00
For B. Y. P. U. Work.....	16 23
For Minutes.....	51 10
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$177.87</b>

We have hereto attached an itemized statement of the different amounts contributed by each church, and for what purpose contributed (See "Itemized Statement"—CLERK), so far as we could do so from the letters. All of the cash has been turned over to the Treasurer, and his receipt attached is a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. REYNOLDS,

P. M. McNEIL,

R. D. JEFFCOAT,

*Committee.*

### TREASURER'S RECEIPT.

Received of the Finance Committee of the Birmingham Association, one hundred and sixty-one and sixty-four one-hundredths (\$161.64) dollars, in cash, and a voucher for the sum of sixteen and twenty-three one-hundredths dollars.

M. M. WOOD,

Treasurer Birmingham Association.

The Treasurer submitted his report as follows, which was received and ordered printed in the minutes, viz :

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

## MINUTES FUND.

Oct. 1, '96.	To Cash from Finance Committee.....	\$ 46 83
	“ “ Avondale Church.....	2 00
	“ “ Adger Church.....	75
	“ “ East Lake Church.....	5 00
	“ “ Executive Committee.....	10 00—\$ 64 58

CR.

	For Printing Minutes.....	\$ 60 00
	“ Cut of Rev. A. J. Waldrop.....	2 80
	“ Postage.....	58
	“ Clerk's Services.....	1 20—\$ 64 58

DR.

## STATE MISSION FUND.

	To Cash from Finance Committee.....	\$ 81 60
	“ “ Pratt City Church.....	18 61
	“ “ Salem Church.....	1 80
	“ “ East Lake Church.....	100 00
	“ “ South Side Church.....	10 00—\$212 01

CR.

	By Cash to Jas. Hogan.....	\$ 91 60
	“ “ W. C. Bledsoe.....	18 61
	“ “ J. V. Dickinson.....	100 00
	“ On hand.....	1 80—\$212 01

DR.

## HOME MISSION FUND.

	To Cash from Finance Committee.....	\$ 34 71
	“ “ Dolomite Church.....	7 80—\$ 42 51

CR.

	By Cash to H. Miss. B'd.....	\$ 42 51—\$ 42 51
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## FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

	To Cash from Finance Committee.....	\$ 30 56—\$ 30 56
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CR.

	By Cash to F. Miss. B'd.....	\$ 30 56—\$ 30 56
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DR.

## EDUCATIONAL FUNDS.

	To Cash from Finance Committee, Bldg.....	\$ 14 00
	“ “ Dolomite Church, M'l Ed.....	12 35—\$ 26 35

CR.

	By Cash to P. T. Hale, Pres.....	\$ 14 00
	“ “ C. C. Jones, Treas.....	12 35—\$ 26 35

DR.

## ORPHAN'S HOME FUND.

	To Cash from Finance Committee.....	\$ 40—\$ 40
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	By Cash on Hand.....	\$ 40—\$ 40
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DR.		RECAPITULATION.	
	To Cash for Minutes.....	\$ 64 58	
	“ “ State Missions.....	212 01	
	“ “ Home Missions .....	42 51	
	“ “ Foreign Missions.....	30 56	
	“ “ Educational Purposes.....	26 35	
	“ “ Orphan's Home.....	40—\$376 41	
CR.			
	By Cash for Minutes.....	\$ 64 58	
	“ “ State Missions.....	210 21	
	“ “ Home Missions.....	42 51	
	“ “ Foreign Missions.....	30 56	
	“ “ H. C. Debt.....	14 00	
	“ “ Ministerial Education.....	12 35	
	“ On Hand.....	2 20—\$376 41	

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. WOOD, Treasurer.

Miscellaneous Business was next declared in order, and on motion, an earnest and hearty vote of thanks was tendered the church and community for their generous hospitality.

Dr. P. T. Hale offered the following resolution, viz ;

*Resolved*, That a committee of three, consisting of Rev. R. R. Hunter, Hon. W. C. Ward and Rev. P. S. Montgomery, be appointed, to report at the next meeting of this body, the most practical and expeditious method of ridding the county and State of the curse of the saloon and the liquor traffic.

The resolution was discussed by Brethren P. T. Hale, A. B. Johnston, W. R. Ivey and R. M. Hunter. Brother L. J. Haley moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was carried by a vote of twenty-six to eighteen.

The Executive Committee submitted its final report, which, after being amended, was adopted, as follows, viz :

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg to report, that, as shown by the letters from the churches, we have contributed during this Associational

year: For Missions, \$2,182.08; for Ministerial Education, \$157.99; for Orphans' Home, \$105.06. The amount for Missions is \$395.65 less than the amount for the same purpose last year.

The apportionment for the ensuing year is hereto attached. (See table on page 42.—CLERK.)

*Whereas*, This Association intends to support an Associational missionary for the ensuing year, and

*Whereas*, The amount paid by this Association heretofore for State missions is inadequate to the support of such Associational missionary, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that we endeavor to raise \$1,000 for our Birmingham Associational missionary, under the State Board of Missions, but try not to lessen our contributions to the other boards.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. GIBSON, Chairman,  
J. W. MINOR,  
H. H. BROWN,  
W. A. HOBSON,  
W. R. IVEY,  
JAS. HOGAN,  
B. D. GRAY,  
R. M. HUNTER,  
P. T. HALE.

On motion of M. M. Wood, the idea of inviting the Mineral Springs Association to join with us in our missionary work, was commended to the favorable consideration of the Executive Committee.

#### RESOLUTIONS

##### ADOPTED BY BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

*Whereas*, The Howard College is the official Baptist college in Alabama for young men, and for that reason, as well as for reason of its own merits, is entitled to the support and helpful influences of our people; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, 1, That it is the sense and desire of this Association that each of its churches shall, at the earliest opportunity, appoint a committee of five, the duties of which committee shall be to aid the college in securing students in that locality, and to co-operate with the college faculty in such other ways as may be deemed helpful. We further recommend that this committee be known as the Howard College Committee, and that the name of its chairman be forwarded to the College, at East Lake, Ala.

*Resolved, 2,* That we beg of other Baptist Associations in the State that they take similar action.

On motion of Brother A. B. Johnston, whatever balance of the minute fund there might be after printing the minutes, was ordered paid to the Clerk for his services.

On motion of Brother P. T. Hale, the Clerk and Brother B. D. Gray was appointed a committee to prepare and print in the minutes a suitable memorial of Judge J. M. Arnold, and that suitable mention be made of any others who have departed this life during the year. Also, that the churches be requested to send the names of their fraternal dead in their letters to the Association.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees for the ensuing year, as found in the forepart of these minutes.

There being no further business, after singing "How Firm a Foundation," and hearty hand-shaking, Dr. W. C. Bledsoe led in prayer, after which the Moderator declared the Association adjourned *sine die*.

M. M. WOOD, Clerk.




  

## In Memoriam.



### JUDGE J. M. ARNOLD.

Among the deceased of our number during the year is Deacon J. M. ARNOLD, of the First Church of Birmingham, a man of unsullied character and great learning, and a most devout and child-like servant of God; for years a distinguished Trustee of Howard College.

### J. P. PHILIPS.

In the death of Brother J. P. PHILIPS, the First Church of Birmingham and our Association lose one of the most intelligent, pious and consecrated young men in all our ranks.



# MINUTES

OF THE

## SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

OF THE

### BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

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The Woman's Missionary Union convened in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Irondale, Ala., at 10:30 A. M., September 8, 1897.

Mrs. Franklin, Vice-President of the Northern Division of the Association, presided.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Stratton. She read the thirteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians, and Mrs. M. G. Wood led in prayer.

With Miss Claude Robinson, of Woodlawn, in charge of the music, all joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Mrs. Aird was absent on account of sickness. Mrs. R. M. Hunter, of Avondale, was appointed secretary for the day.

#### REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Avondale, L. A. S.....	\$ 18 80
Avondale, Sunbeams.....	7 50
Bessemer, L. A. S.....	107 03
Birmingham First Church, L. U.....	1,236 65
Birmingham First Church, Sunbeams.....	115 00
Birmingham Second Church, P. A. S.....	27 05
East Lake, L. A. S.....	296 02
East Lake, Sunbeams.....	18 50

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Irondale L. A. S.....	10 25
Pratt City, Sunbeams.....	30 44
South Side, L. C.....	218 09
South Side, Pastor's Aid.....	70 80
South Side, Ladies' Harvest Work on Debt.....	1,903 00
South Side Sunbeams.....	118 00
Trussville, L. A.....	95 50
Woodlawn, L. A. S.....	278 15
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$4,550 78</b>

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Many societies were not represented.

Mrs. Stratton read a report of the Woman's Work since the formation of the Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Hamilton, whom we all welcome once more in Alabama, gave us sweet talk on Sunbeam work, and distributed tracts. Every Sunbeam Society should get her to visit them.

Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Dickson at Letohatchie, appealing for help for her church, which had been blown down. The ladies pledged \$27.00 for her.

Mrs. Dr. B. D. Gray addressed the Union on Frontier Mission Work.

Mrs. Stratton gave out letters for boxes to Bessemer, South Side, First Church, Pratt City, East Lake, Woodlawn and Avondale. A collection amounting to \$2.00 was taken.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Union assembled at 1:30 P. M.

Mrs. Stratton requested a Committee from East Lake to meet with Central Committee next month, to arrange for the Woman's meeting at the Convention.

Tributes to the memory of our sister and former Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. I. C. Brown, were read, for the Association and East Lake Society, by Miss Davis, East Lake; for the State, Mrs. R. M. Hunter, Avondale. Resolved that the papers be printed in the minutes or published in the Baptist.

Mrs. Hardeman gave a paper on the Expense Fund, after which Mrs. Stratton made a talk on the subject and received pledges from several churches.

Mrs. Stratton told of our obligation to Miss Anna B. Hartwell, our missionary to China, and Mrs. Hardeman read a letter from her.

Mrs. Boorman gave an interesting talk on her work among the colored people—1075 visits made last year. Mrs. Hamilton thanked her in the name of the ladies and encouraged her to go forward.

Resolution was passed thanking our Presbyterian sisters for the use of their church and kindness to us.

Mrs. Wood reported on Orphans' Home and Bessemer pledged \$5.00 for it.

Mrs. Hamilton offered closing prayer.

MRS. W. FRANKLIN, Vice-President.

Mrs. R. M. HUNTER, Secretary.

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#### IN MEMORY OF MRS. I. C. BROWN.

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PAPER READ BY MISS DAVIS, EAST LAKE, ALABAMA.

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As God in His providence has taken one from our midst whom we all loved very tenderly, it becomes our sad duty, yet a great privilege, to express our deep sorrow for the loss of one so dear to our hearts, and of our appreciation of one who so nobly served as president of our society.

In her we recognized a competent and worthy leader, whom we all honored and revered, and in whom we found a sympathetic, kind, loving friend at all times.

Her example, first of all in punctuality and faithfulness in all her work, was indeed worthy of emulation. She was always at her post and on time, which can be said of a very few of us.

So often in coming to the Society meetings, being a little late, we would always find our president awaiting our arrival, and she would

greet us in her sweet way and say: "Maybe others will come in a few minutes, but wish they would be a little more prompt in meeting."

Now, as I look back over those meetings, thinking how little we appreciated the patient and untiring devotion of our co-worker, I feel 'tis true, "We never prize the music till the sweet-voiced bird is flown." Nevertheless, her stay with us was by no means in vain. Her connection with us in all lines of work was indeed pleasant and profitable, and much did we learn from her unerring leadership and exemplary life.

Hers indeed was a missionary spirit, "which was the spirit of Christ." She was a dear lover of all work that was in keeping with His command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Not only did she lend her services as Corresponding Secretary to the Woman's Missionary Union, but at every opportunity—and especially in our Society—did she try to instill that same zeal for the salvation of souls and the spread of the gospel to hungering ones in the far-off lands. These little talks are bright spots in my memory, as she would, in her interesting and attractive way, lead us to discuss mission subjects. I shall never forget, when we were preparing the missionary box, how she expressed her deep feeling for those earnest workers on the frontier: one would think she knew them personally. We do not study mission work enough, or we would sympathize and help more those who have given up all to labor for the Master's cause. It is hard for us to realize their great need of our co-operation in their work, unless we know their situation and learn of the many hardships and privations which they endure. If only we could get a glimpse of their homes, see their bright hopeful faces, their ardent zeal and great love for their work amid all their privations, it would put us to shame to think of the little we do in the land of plenty, pleasure and privileges without number. Oh, how little we realize the work to be done and see opportunities going by continually without heeding. Oh, that each would say, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." Let us follow the example of our departed friend and co-worker, and when the call comes for us to lay down this mortal life and stand before the King, "we may not be empty handed, without a soul with which to greet him," but we will hear the "well done, good and faithful servant," as we lay our sheaves at the Master's feet and join in "Harvest Home."

Among her many good traits was that of a happy disposition. She never seemed disturbed by anything that did not go according to her plans, but let it be plainly known, "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord." That is a lesson many of us have yet to learn—submission to the will of God. Her influence, as has been said, was magnetic. You could feel it in her very words. Those only who knew her personally could appreciate the gentle, sweet character of her womanly nature. She was indeed a lovable woman with sterling quali-



ties and Christian graces inferior to none. Her life will ever be a monument in our memory of all that was true, noble and good.

Though our eyes are tearful at her loss, yet through our tears gleams the rainbow of promise, urging us to more earnest and diligent work, that we may receive the crown of life, and be free from sorrow and pain to "dwell ever with the Lord, in the home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

It is needless to speak of her executive ability and power as a presiding officer. All who have been in meetings she conducted know what a privilege it was.

In revering the life of Mrs. I. C. Brown, we see a useful and well-spent life in the Master's cause.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, they cease from their labors and their works do follow them." While we give an account of her deportment and feel a deep sense of our loss, we bow with becoming submission to Him who doeth all things after the counsel of his own will, knowing "That all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

"The Master called her higher—  
Such word hath to our dear one come—  
Behold, the King hath called her;  
She hath smilingly gone  
Up to His kingdom with her works of gold:  
Good wife—good mother—she hath gladly withdrawn  
To dwell with him forever.  
Friends 'tis meet  
That we rejoice. She rests  
At Christ's dear feet."

## REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home and Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Orphan's Home
Adger .....	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00
Avondale .....	50 00	75 00	20 00	15 00
Bessemer .....	80 00	120 00	35 00	20 00
Birmingham, 1st.....	280 00	420 00	125 00	125 00
Birmingham, 2d .....	25 00	35 00	10 00	7 50
Birmingham, 3d .....	8 00	12 00	6 00	4 00
Birmingham, South Side.....	280 00	420 00	125 00	125 00
Canaan .....	8 00	12 00	10 00	5 00
Central .....	8 00	12 00	10 00	5 00
Concord .....	6 00	9 00	5 00	2 50
Dolomite.....	25 00	35 00	15 00	10 00
Elyton.....	25 00	35 00	15 00	10 00
Green Springs.....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50
Johns.....	2 00	3 00	2 50	1 00
Mt. Olive .....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 00
New Prospect.....	20 00	30 00	10 00	5 00
Oak Grove .....	8 00	12 00	10 00	5 00
Pratt City.....	120 00	180 00	25 00	25 00
Pleasant Ridge .....	10 00	15 00	10 00	5 00
Ruhama .....	200 00	300 00	100 00	50 00
Salem .....	10 00	15 00	10 00	5 00
Springville .....	16 00	24 00	10 00	5 00
Trussville .....	40 00	60 00	18 00	12 00
Irondale .....	10 00	15 00	10 00	5 00
Union .....	8 00	12 00	5 00	2 50
Warrior .....	40 00	60 00	20 00	15 00
Williamsburg .....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50
Woodlawn .....	100 00	150 00	36 00	25 00
Brookside.....	4 00	6 00	3 00	2 00
Coalburg.....	12 00	18 00	5 00	2 50
Compton .....	4 00	6 00	4 00	2 00
Rocky Ridge .....	8 00	12 00	6 00	4 00
Blossburg .....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50
Bellview .....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 55
Springdale .....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50
Piney Grove.....	6 00	9 00	5 00	5 00
McElwain .....	6 00	9 00	5 00	2 50
Wylam .....	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00
Mary Lee .....	1 00	1 00	50	50
Bethany .....	1 00	1 00	50	50
New Castle.....	1 50	3 00	1 00	50
Compton Hill.....	1 00	1 00	50	50

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	MISSIONS				EDUCATION			Orphan's Home	Minutes	HOME EXPENSES				TOTAL	VALUE OF PROPERTY
	State	Home	Foreign	Associational	Ministerial	Howard College Debt	Judson Debt			Pastor's Salary	Fuel, the Poor, Etc.	Sunday School	Church Buildings and Repairs		
Avondale .....	\$ 25 50	\$ 11 46	\$ 22 12	\$ .....	\$ 7 50	\$ .....	\$ 30 00	\$ 15 18	\$ 2 50	\$ 795 45	\$ 258 77	\$198 19	\$ 513 27	\$ 1,879 94	.....
Bellview .....	6 98	.....	.....	2 17	.....	.....	.....	70	1 23	49 05	.....	.....	250 00	310 15	\$ 1,000 00
Bessemer .....	45 11	43 03	28 15	.....	20 41	45 00	.....	95	2 50	774 95	188 20	.....	191 06	1,339 36	6,000 00
Birmingham, First .....	165 00	308 10	123 85	†25 00	.....	815 00	105 00	5 00	10 00	2,400 00	1,098 74	167 32	*2,006 27	7,229 28	12,000 00
Birmingham, South Side.....	.....	222 00	177 48	.....	.....	286 57	100 00	.....	5 00	1,800 00	759 99	189 27	‡3,918 18	7,458 49	45,000 00
Birmingham, Second.....	10 50	12 50	8 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	1 50	412 40	39 05	27 47	19 35	536 02	.....
Birmingham, Third.....	2 50	23 90	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	274 72	12 00	.....	500 00	816 62	1,500 00
Blossburg .....	12 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 75	14 20	.....	20 00	103 59	200 00
Brookside .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central .....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	25 00	.....	1 75	.....	28 80	800 00
Coalburg.....	7 23	.....	.....	.....	6 15	.....	.....	10 55	75	73 55	10 00	10 00	.....	118 23	.....
Compton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Compton Hill .....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	42 61	25 00	10 00	.....	83 36	35 00
Concord .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Dolomite .....	.....	7 80	.....	.....	12 35	.....	.....	.....	1 00	88 55	.....	14 55	.....	124 25	425 00
Elyton.....	6 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	224 44	48 84	15 00	.....	296 58	1,500 00
Green Springs .....	4 14	4 13	4 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 25	69 10	.....	.....	14 20	97 95	900 00
Irondale .....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	67 00	.....	.....	103 25	177 75	900 00
Mary Lee .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
McElwain .....	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	2 50	5 00	.....	.....	1 25	112 00	.....	11 79	76 00	223 54	1,000 00
Mt. Olive .....	25	25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....
New Castle.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	12 00	2 85	.....	.....	19 95	.....
New Prospect .....	27 33	.....	.....	.....	4 59	.....	.....	4 60	1 50	61 25	26 85	6 63	‡14 33	147 08	1,000 00
Oak Grove .....	1 05	1 05	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	20 45	5 50	.....	.....	30 10	800 00
Pine Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
Pleasant Ridge .....	20 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	50	45 00	.....	.....	.....	67 55	.....
Pratt City .....	.....	.....	.....	‡456 82	50 00	105 00	245 00	54 62	5 00	656 90	310 55	.....	160 00	2,043 89	3,000 00
Rocky Ridge .....	5 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	75	25 25	.....	4 80	.....	37 58	500 00
Ruhama .....	.....	.....	.....	‡185 75	28 98	.....	100 00	.....	5 00	1,200 00	189 27	39 00	‡4,158 50	5,906 50	6,000 00
Salem .....	20 11	.....	.....	.....	1 01	.....	.....	.....	80	60 00	75	.....	.....	82 67	500 00
Springdale .....	3 00	1 14	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	32 04	.....	.....	.....	40 28	200 00
Springville.....	2 50	1 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	100 00	30 75	9 35	.....	148 10	750 00
Trussville .....	31 87	40 65	26 70	.....	4 50	.....	5 25	.....	1 50	173 95	22 95	.....	43 95	351 32	2,000 00
Union .....	3 35	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	141 30	80 45	.....	50 00	287 10	750 00
Warrior .....	29 19	9 87	17 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 79	2 00	325 00	.....	96 61	.....	501 13	2,000 00
Woodlawn .....	115 60	59 96	22 30	.....	19 00	11 00	20 12	.....	3 00	770 00	278 38	.....	735 00	2,034 36	8,000 00
Wylam .....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	15 00	375 00	392 50	500 00
Collections at Associations .....	15 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	‡14 35	.....	.....	.....	16 23	.....	46 43	.....
TOTAL.....	\$584 65	\$754 84	\$446 95	\$669 74	\$157 99	\$1,272 57	\$605 37	\$135 57	\$64 40	\$10,888 71	\$3,403 09	\$832 96	\$13,148 36	\$32,965 20	\$97,260 00

\* \$1,962.72 is for Church Debt.

† City Missions.

‡ On Church Debt.

§ For Pine Grove Church.

|| State, Home and Foreign Missions.

¶ From B. Y. P. U.



# STATISTICS OF BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S POST OFFICE	Membership last Reported	Increase by				Decreased by				Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOLS				Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meeting...	Reports Revival
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death		Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Superintendent's Name	Post Office Address			
Avondale	Jefferson	R. M. Hunter		Avondale	164	60	45	2	2	19	2	6	3	243	15	130	Gilbert Carter	Birmingham	Each	Yes	Yes
Bellview	"	J. G. Lowry	J. W. Russell	Kimber	56		4							55	6	27	J. K. Pemberton	Kimber	4th		
Bessemer	"	W. R. Ivey	T. P. Waller	Bessemer	217	24	18		2	14	2		3	242	13	100	T. P. Waller	Bessemer	Each	Yes	Yes
Birmingham, First	"	B. D. Gray	J. F. Graham	Birmingham	527	14	54			50	1		4	540	20	204	L. P. Fleming	Birmingham	Each	Yes	Yes
Birmingham, S. Side	"	P. T. Hale	J. A. Stratton	Birmingham	642	55	63	2	1	56	6	120	10	571	24	286	S. P. Fowlkes	Birmingham	Each	Yes	Yes
Birmingham, Sec'd	"	J. B. Tidwell	A. E. Atwater	Birmingham	84	17	13		3	5				109	9	97	Claude Williams		Each	Yes	Yes
Birmingham, Third	"	P. M. Jones	D. J. Childress	Birmingham	30	8	13			7				44	6	52	W. T. Angell	Birmingham	Each	Yes	Yes
Blossburg	"				37		8	2		2	6		1	38	4	30					
Brookside	"				20									20							
Canaan	"				43									43							
Central	"		R. M. Inzer	Argo	65		2			7				60	4	52	Elder J. C. Gilmer	Argo	2nd		
Coalburg	"	J. H. Longcrier	N. B. Gay	Coalburg	24	1	2		1	6				22	4	45	J. A. Mayo	Coalburg	3rd		
Compton	Blount	E. P. Reed	E. W. Padget	Compton	22	1	5			5	1			22					1st	Yes	Yes
Concord	Jefferson	J. W. Lee	Jno. A. Baker	Sandusky	37	5				2				40							
Dolomite	"	W. J. Ray	L. C. Meigs	Dolomite	82	2	1			4		30		51	6	60	T. A. Williams	Dolomite	1st & 2d		
Elyton	"	G. T. Lee	D. R. Weaver	Elyton	72	5	16	7		4	4	7	2	83	7	54	W. P. Lewis	Birmingham	Each	Yes	Yes
Green Springs	"	B. F. White	G. W. Smith	Birmingham	34		7		1			4		38	6	35	Thos. Colley	Birmingham	1st		
Irondale	"	W. Y. Browning	W. J. Cardwell	Irondale	82				1	5	3		2	73	7	42	E. J. McDaniel	Irondale	3d		
Mary Lee	"	J. E. Creel			4									4	5	50	J. E. Creel	East Lake			
McElwain	"	W. Y. Browning	W. B. Baker	Birmingham	22	2	4			3				25	7	40	W. B. Baker	Birmingham	2d & 4th		
Mt. Olive	"	E. P. Reed	G. P. Moore	Clay	37									37							
New Prospect	"	J. H. Longcrier	E. P. Reed	Stubbs	110	1			1	1				111	7	71	E. P. Wood	Huffman	4th		
Oak Grove	"	M. T. Branham	J. B. McCombs	Mt. Pinson	88	7	1	1			2		1	94	5	40	J. A. Jackson	New Castle	4th	Yes	Yes
Piney Grove	"	Lee Taylor			26									26							
Pleasant Ridge	"	J. M. Huey	S. H. Huey	Bessemer	86									86							
Pratt City	"	J. V. Dickinson	Pat Felton, Jr.	Pratt City	234	45	43		10	24		1	3	304	16	170	W. S. Eubank	Pratt City	Each	Yes	Yes
Rocky Ridge	"	J. M. Huey	M. M. Roper	Trussville	37	3	5		1	2				44	7	50	A. Roper	Trussville	4th		
Ruhama	"	W. A. Hobson	H. H. Brown	East Lake	362	28	51		4	50				393	16	250	Prof. R. J. Waldrop	East Lake	Each	Yes	Yes
Salem	"	J. M. Huey	J. E. Massey	Pinson	64	13	6			5	1	15	2	60	4	35	W. H. Carlisle	Green's	3d		
Springdale	"	M. T. Branham	J. S. Connell	Green's	67	8	6			21	1		2	57	6	66	J. S. Connell	Green's	3d		
Springville	St. Clair	P. S. Montgomery	J. B. Herring	Springville	101	3				2				102	5	84	P. S. Montgomery	Springville			
Trussville	Jefferson	B. F. Giles	D. H. Vann	Stubbs	122	3	8			3				130	9	70	R. H. Hendon	Trussville	1st & 3d		Yes
Union	"		R. T. Jones	Turpin	60	10	6	1		2		1	3	71	6	75	T. L. Johnson	Turpin	1st		
Warrior	"	J. G. Lowrey	H. A. Hagler	Warrior	101		5		3	7	2		1	99	10	138	D. N. Smith	Warrior	1st & 3d	Yes	Yes
Williamsburg	"		Wm. Hicks	Porter	29									29							
Woodlawn	"	W. M. Blackwelder	F. M. Wood	Woodlawn	276	35	41			20			3	329	17	206	J. M. Dewberry	Woodlawn	Each	Yes	Yes
Compton Hill	"		Theo. B. Furman	Birmingham		3	19	3						25	6	35	W. M. Grimsby	Birmingham	Each		
Wylam	"	W. J. Ray	J. A. Sartin	Wylam		3	21							24	6	56	J. A. Sartin	Wylam	1st & 2d	Yes	Yes
New Castle	"	J. H. Longcrier	J. H. Holmes	New Castle			9							9							
TOTAL					4064	356	476	18	30	327	38	184	42	4353	263	2650					

















W. C. C.

Y. H. H.

Received of  
J. H. H.  
the sum of  
\$100.00  
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the  
house  
No. 10  
Broadway  
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